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REVIEW: VISIT OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA BLUM

REF: (A) MOSCOW 12932, (B) SHOSTAL-GREENBERG TELCON,
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1. SCICOUNS WILL BE PLEASED TO HOST RECEPTION FOR BLUM EVENING OF JULY 11, SHOULD SHE DESIRE RECEPTION IN PLACE OF CULTURAL PROGRAM. EVENING OF JULY 11 APPEARS TO BE THE BEST AVAILABLE TIME FOR SCICOUNS' RECEPTION. OTHER EVENINGS ARE LESS DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SOVIET RECEPTION OR BECAUSE OF ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW, SUCH AS VISIT TO OKA-TERASNIY PRESERVE OR TO ZAGORSK WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE SHORTENED TO GUARANTEE RETURN TO MOSCOW IN TIME FOR RECEPTION. IF BLUM PREFERS CULTURAL PROGRAM EVENING OF JULY 11 TO EMBASSY RECEPTION, WE WOULD NATURALLY DEFER TO HER WISHES. ONE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO A RECEPTION WOULD BE A SMALL WORKING LUNCH ON JULY 10. THIS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE LESS DESIRABLE BECAUSE IT MIGHT TEND

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TO CUT INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING SESSION AND, IN COMBINATION WITH THE SOVIET RECEPTION THAT EVENING, MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FESTIVITY FOR ONE DAY. PLEASE ADVISE BLUM'S WISHES IN THIS REGARD.

2. SOVIETS HAVE INFORMED US THAT BLUM PARTY WILL BE STAYING IN THE HOTEL ROSSIYA. EMBOFF LOUIS SELL

WILL MEET BLUM PARTY AT AIRPORT AND ACCOMPANY DURING MOSCOW PORTION OF VISIT. CONGEN OFFICER WILL MEET BLUM PARTY ON ARRIVAL IN LENINGRAD AND ACCOMPANY DURING LENINGRAD PORTION OF VISIT.

3. MESSAGE IN REF C PASSED TO HYDROMET, WHICH HAS AGREED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS IN MOSCOW FOR SHOSTAL NIGHT OF JULY 15. MATLOCK

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